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FOR REPLACING CUTTING IMPLEMENTS IN SEVERING

MACHINES

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Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.121

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 16, 2003, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply.

No fees are required. However, if the Patent Office deems that any fees are necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees Deposit Account No. 22-0261.